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WEATHER



Today

High 46° Low 25°



Saturday

High 33° Low 21°



Sunday

High 40° Low 19°

Provided by the Ellsworth Weather Station.

COUNTDOWN TO THE ORI



138
Days



Gentlemen, start your engines!

Ellsworth makes presence at Daytona ...

see page 3



Ellsworth *Numbers*

Members Deployed
348
(as of Tuesday)

*Number provided by the
28th Logistics Readiness Squadron.*

**28th Bomb Wing Monthly
Flying Goals**

(as of Wednesday)

**34th Bomb Squadron Sorties
deployed**

37th Bomb Squadron Sorties
117 **78**

Goal

Flown

Last Foreign Object Damage

Jan. 13

*Information provided by the
28th Maintenance Operations Squadron.*

**28th Bomb Wing
Honor Guard**
(as of Today)

Total Miles Traveled
1,245 **1,609**

This Week

This Year

Total Tasks Performed
10 **54**

This Week

This Year

Total Volunteer Hours
425 **854**

This Week

This Year

*The Honor Guard always needs of volunteers.
For more information, call Staff Sgt.
Robert Morgan at 385-1186.*

**Airmen Against
Drunk Driving**

Safe rides Feb. 16 to 20
13 **75**

This Week

This Year

**If getting home means driving
under the influence, call
AADD instead.**

431-2953

**Senior Airman
Michael Stallings**

28th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Commitment to Caring *Air Force Assistance Fund '06*

By Airman Kimberly Limrick
BLACK HILLS BANDIT STAFF

Ellsworth's members have the opportunity to help each other through the Air Force Assistance Fund March 1 through April 14.

This year's campaign theme is "A Commitment to Caring" and focuses on collecting contributions in support of four programs.

One of these programs benefiting from the AFAF is the Air Force Enlisted Villages in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. This charity provides rent subsidy and other support to impoverished widows and widowers of retired enlisted people ages 55 and older. More information is available at <http://www.afenlistedwidows.org>.

Another program benefiting from the AFAF is the Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund in San Antonio, a life-care community for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members. The Air Force Village Web site is <http://www.airforcevillages.com>.

A third program benefiting from the AFAF is the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation, which provides rent and financial assistance to

impoverished widows and widowers of officers and enlisted people in their own homes and communities. The LeMay Foundation Web site is <http://www.lemayfoundation.org>.

The fourth program benefiting from the AFAF is the Air Force Aid Society. AFAS has been the official charity of the United States Air Force for 64 years. It promotes the Air Force mission by providing worldwide emergency assistance to Air Force members and their families, sponsoring educational assistance programs and offering a variety of base community enhancement programs that impact members' and their families' welfare.

The Air Force Aid Society helped more than 30,000 Air Force members and their families with more than \$21.6 million in assistance in 2005.

The majority of this assistance was in interest-free loans

and grants for short-term or one-time emergencies such as food, rent, utilities, car repair and emergency travel requirements, including those suffering the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, said 1st Lt. John Hampel, Air Force Assistance Fund installation project officer.

With everyone's help, Ellsworth can help more people in need as the base did last year. Ellsworth surpassed last year's AFAF goal at 111 percent, raising \$38,740 and in turn received \$210,871 in assistance. Ellsworth's goal for 2006 is \$45,833. This goal is determined by what is called fair-share.

"The fair-share calculation is based on an individual's rank and suggests a target contribution for those who would like to donate, but aren't sure how much is appropriate," said Lieutenant Hampel.

"The wing's annual goal for the Air Force Assistance Fund is calculated by adding up the total fair-share estimates for military members assigned to Ellsworth and then subtracting 50 percent," Lieutenant Hampel continued. "This means that if at least half of the personnel assigned to the base donate a fair-share contribution, then the wing will meet its goal."

Members may contribute to the AFAF by a one time cash or check donation or by payroll deduction. Payroll deductions require a form which is available through unit AFAF points of contact and key workers, or online at the AFAF Web site, www.afassistancefund.org.

There will be a breakfast at Dakota's on March 6 at 7 a.m. to kick off the fundraiser.

More information is available on the AFAF Web site and will be posted in upcoming bulletins in the *Black Hills Bandit*.

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— 1st Lt. John Hampel, Air Force Assistance Fund installation project officer

Straight Talk

is a forum for the Ellsworth community to voice any suggestions or concerns about Ellsworth directly to me.

If you have a concern, use discretion. Decide whether or not the problem could be solved by using the chain of command. If the chain of command doesn't seem like the best route, please let me know and I'll work the issue.



Jeffrey F. Smith

Col. Jeffery F. Smith
28th Bomb Wing commander



To reach the forum, you may e-mail 28bw.pa2@ellsworth.af.mil or write to:

28th Bomb Wing/Public Affairs
1958 Scott Dr., Suite 4
Ellsworth AFB, SD 57706

Those wishing to send an anonymous forum can do so at https://intranet1/cc_contact/ or <https://intranet1.ellsworth.af.mil/>.

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A weekend at the track

Story and photos by
1st Lt. Carrie L. Kessler
BLACK HILLS BANDIT STAFF

While Ellsworth was bogged down in sub-zero temperatures, a contingent of Ellsworth maintainers and operators spent the weekend in Daytona, Fla., to support two Air Force approved flyovers during the Daytona 500 weekend Friday through Sunday.

Among the thousands of spectators, vendors and race crews were members of the Air Force Motorsports team, which is an associate sponsor of the No. 21 car.

"Our vision and goal in the Air Force Motorsports team is to get the Air Force in front of as many people as possible," said Senior Master Sgt. Mike Rowland, Air Force Recruiting Service Marketing Branch Motorsports Division superintendent. "We not only do that with the Air Force sponsored race car, but with Air Force flyovers."

Prior to the scheduled flyovers Saturday and Sunday, some members of the racing circuit took advantage of the opportunity to see the B-1 up close and spoke to Ellsworth Airmen.

"Whenever I'm in the presence of (military members), I'm always in awe of the commitment and character of the American service people," said Mr. Jack Roush, chairman of Roush Industries, Inc.

He added that the B-1 itself "just took my breath away."

"The performance, capabilities and the technology are all inspiring," said Mr. Roush. "Looking at the

whole package today and understanding what we had back then (in the 1980s) and what we're able to do now with the upgrades - our military dollars are being well spent."

NASCAR fans and crews were impressed to say the least during Saturday's B-1 flyby at the Hershey's Kissables 300 race.

"The civilians look at (the B-1) and hear about it, and then when they see it (in the air), it increases their patriotism," said retired Maj. Gen. Thomas Sadler, Speedway Children's Charities executive director. "It makes them understand (the Air Force) mission."

Unfortunately, due to poor weather conditions, crews were unable to perform the B-1 flyby Sunday at the Daytona 500.

"Although airborne and prepared to repeat Saturday's successful performance for (Sunday's) Daytona 500, we found ourselves quite disappointed that the local weather remained below our required minimums, and we were unable to perform a highly anticipated two-ship flyby," said Capt. Brian Witkowski, 34th Bomb Squadron flight commander and Daytona 500 flight lead.

The weather may have stopped Sunday's B-1 flyby from taking place, but Ellsworth maintainers still spent long hours preparing, launching and recovering jets.

"(This TDY) was definitely one for the record books," said Senior Airmen Steve Gates, 37th Aircraft Maintenance Unit dedicated crew chief. The maintenance team replaced two B-1 tires along with a number of other flight critical components.

"The people at the race track depended on the flybys and were excited to see them," said Airman Gates. Those events "depended on what we did."

The group also planned to maintain only two aircraft, but a third was needed to support the weekend's events.

"The maintenance team overcame quite a few obstacles," said Master Sgt. Mark Allgauer, 28th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron production superintendent. "We weren't manned for three aircraft, but the team multi-tasked and used all available resources." In the end, "the jets were ready to meet each and every sortie planned."

Sergeant Allgauer added that even with the pressure of a national TV audience and the hype built up throughout the track, the team "met all the challenges and the jets were up and running and prepared to go. Everything was done by the books from (foreign object damage) walks to technical data."

In all, the successes of the weekend were a team effort.

"The weekend was truly highlighted by the teamwork and mission-focused dedication of Sergeant Allgauer's maintenance team and the flight crews, and it would have been impossible to accomplish what we did without the professionalism and hard work of all involved," added Captain Witkowski. "The Daytona 500 weekend is an event which everyone dreams of participating in - great crowds, high energy and great exposure for the B-1 and Ellsworth."



Above: Senior Airman Steve Gates, 37th Aircraft Maintenance Unit dedicated crew chief, talks to the aircrew during preflight operations for the Daytona 500 flyby Sunday.

Below: Members of the 28th Bomb Wing and the Air Force Recruiting Service salute during the National Anthem prior to the start of the Craftsman Truck Series GM Flex Fuel 250 at the Daytona International Speedway Friday. Jon Wood drove the Air Force sponsored No. 20 truck to a 16th place finish.





Spread of democracy will yield peace, Bush says

By Samantha L. Quigley
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON, D.C. — "The world is changing because freedom is on the march. And we shouldn't be discouraged about ... short-term setbacks," President Bush told an audience in Tampa, Fla., Tuesday.

That march began with the removal of the Taliban from Afghanistan, Bush said. It continues as democracy emerges in Afghanistan as well as in Iraq.

"We have an opportunity to lay the foundation of peace for generations to come," he said. "Democracy can yield the peace we all want."

The president had arrived in town earlier in the day to meet with senior leaders at nearby headquarters for U.S. Central Command and U.S. Special Operations Command, both key components in the fight against terrorism.

Terrorists continue to attack innocent people in their attempts to return the Middle East to a terrorist stronghold, Bush said. They also believe the United States is soft and weak and will eventually give up.

"In order to win the war against the enemy, you got to understand the nature of the enemy," the president told the civilian audience. "First of all, these people are cold-blooded killers, people who will kill the innocent in order to achieve a tactical

objective and a strategic objective.

"They have no conscience. You can't negotiate with these people. You cannot reason with them. You must bring them to justice."

Secondly, he said, these terrorists have an ideology that allows no dissent, no different point of view and "no sense of history other than their dim view of history."

"They've made it clear (they think) it's just a matter of time before we vacate parts of the world that they can then occupy in order to be able to ... plot attacks against the United States of America," he said.

The president said that scenario would not happen, and outlined the U.S. strategy to win the war on terror.

"The best way to deal with this enemy is to defeat them overseas so we don't have to face them here at home, and to stay on the hunt," he said, adding that efforts also are being made to cut off access to funding. "It makes it kind of hard to operate when you can't get (to) your bank accounts full of money."

Denying terrorists safe haven is the second part to the strategy, he said. The United States is leaning on governments to help with this key element by declaring that harboring terrorists makes the government as bad as the terrorists themselves.

This declaration was reinforced with action, Bush said.

"When a president says something

like, 'If you harbor a terrorist you're equally as guilty as the terrorists,' those words mean nothing unless you act upon them," he said. "And I said that to the people of Afghanistan, the Taliban. They didn't listen, and so we acted."

When Saddam Hussein refused to "disclose and disarm," Bush said, he suffered the serious consequences he was promised if he failed to comply, Bush said.

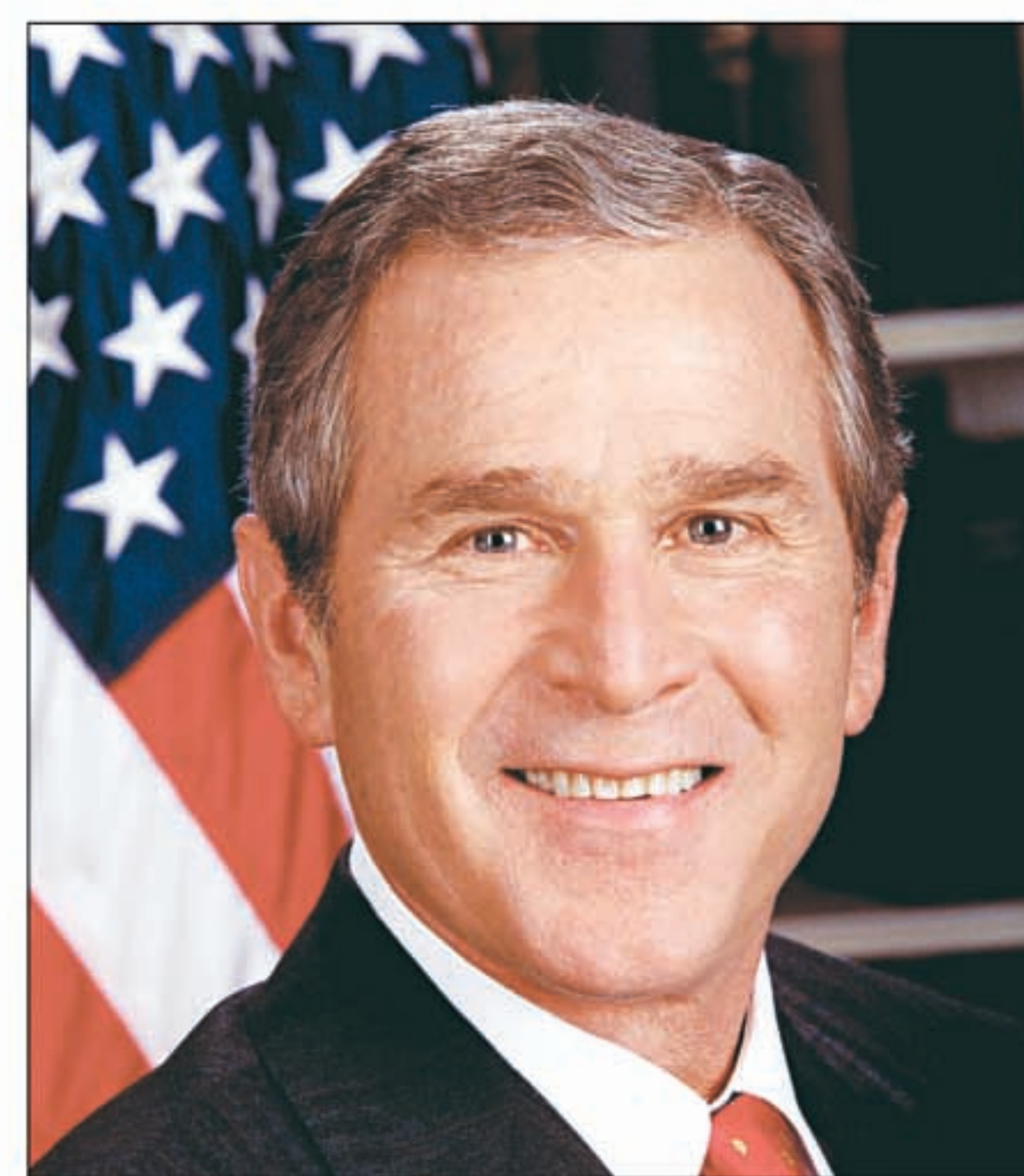
"Removing Saddam Hussein has made America safer and the world a better place," he said.

The last key to the strategy of winning on the Iraq front of the war on terrorism is training the Iraqis to defend themselves, Bush said. "In order to achieve our objective, the Iraqis are going to have to fight the enemy," he said.

Coalition forces are making progress on this front, he said. Iraqi forces are improving and able to take over more and more responsibility for their own defense, and a command and control structure is being put in place, he added.

"As this military's getting better and better, we're turning over a lot of territory to the Iraqis," Bush said. "They now have two divisions ... that are capable of taking the fight nearly on their own."

Though the training mission is progressing successfully, Bush said, he would not be swayed by outside influences when it came to troop levels committed to the global war on terrorism.



"The troop levels will be decided by this administration, and this administration is going to listen, not to politicians, but to the commanders on the ground (about) what we need on the ground in order to win this deal," he said.

The president said the United States will, in the short term, succeed in Iraq. But there has to be a long-term strategy to win the war on terrorism as well, he added.

"That long-term strategy is to liberate people and give them the chance to live under the greatest system of government, and that's democracy," he said. "Make no mistake about it. We're going to win the war on terror."



Photo by Senior Airman Daniel R. DeCook

Former Chief Master Sergeants of the Air Force pose for a group photo before meeting with enlisted members of the National Capital Region at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C., Feb. 14. From the left, front row, are Paul Airey, Gerald Murray, Robert Gaylor, Gary Pfingston, Sam Parish, James Binnicker, James McCoy, Frederick Finch and Eric Benken. Eight of the 13 former chiefs are meeting this week in the Pentagon with Chief Murray, who is the 14th chief master sergeant of the Air Force.

Former chiefs reflect on today's Air Force

By Staff Sgt. Julie Weckerlein
AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Several former chief master sergeants of the Air Force came together here Feb. 13 to 15 to meet with Airmen and speak with current service leaders.

Of the 14 Airmen who've held the highest enlisted position, nine were present as the group met at both Bolling Air Force Base and the Pentagon.

It's been 63 years since the first Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Paul Airey first enlisted in the service, but he sees the similarity between today's Airmen and those who served alongside him then.

"The people who served back then had the same drive and determination as the Airmen today," he said. "The difference is the education and the knowledge today's young people have. You can talk to an 18- or 19-year-old today about any-

thing, and they have an opinion on everything that's going on in the world. I had an opinion when I was 18 years old and it involved who was going to win the next baseball pennant, not what was going on in other places of the world."

He said the education level of today's senior non-commissioned officers, in most cases, surpasses that of the officer corps he served with in World War II.

"It's just a different time and society," he said. "But the level of commitment and dedication is the same."

Chief Airey also said he likes to share two four-letter words with Airmen he meets. "Don't worry — they're the good kind," he said.

"I like to tell them about 'zeal' and 'duty,'" he said. "Those are paramount to the higher standards we have in the Air Force."

Eighth Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Sam Parish agreed

and said that the Air Force, while young compared to the other military branches, is rich in its heritage.

"We're still not old enough to have the traditions [of other services]," he said. But he sees that changing for the Air Force in the future.

"We're still growing and developing," he said. "The Air Force culture is constantly changing, and Airmen are beginning to understand the importance of their service and their service's history. You have to acknowledge your history to understand how far you've come."

Chief Parish said that ever since his retirement from the service, he's become more and more aware of how the Air Force shaped his life, both in uniform and out.

"My entire 32 years in service was a highlight," he said. "... once Air Force, always Air Force."



CMSAF testifies on quality of life issues

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle

AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray testified on Capitol Hill Feb. 15 about Air Force quality of life issues before the House Appropriations Committee subcommittee on military quality of life, veterans affairs and related agencies.

"I truly believe, and I think you'll agree, that our Airmen's quality of performance is directly related to their quality of life," Chief Murray said.

Chief Murray cited the current top three quality issues for Airmen — pay and benefits, housing availability and costs, and education.

"Our education is critical to the 21st century capabilities of our force," he said. "We've come to expect more from our Airmen today than ever before, and even more will be expected of them in the future."

He said the value of education benefits is particularly important to Airmen with the ongoing Air Force transformation.

"Education enables members to fulfill personal goals, stimulates innovation and critical thinking and improves overall force readiness effectiveness," Chief Murray said. "Knowledge and innovation are inherent to our Air Force heritage and service cultures. Education benefits are a win-win for all our services and it must remain strong."

Chief Murray explained how the air expeditionary force construct has been a great benefit to the Air Force transformation and quality of life.

"Our AEF organization is a model of global agility, efficiency and military effectiveness — a modern design for a modern world," he said. "Our 21st century force is 40 percent smaller than that Cold War force we went into Desert Storm with. It is, however, vastly more capable, more agile and more lethal than before."

"The AEF provides lethality and economy of forces for in-theatre combatant commanders while providing predictability and stability at home — a huge quality of life bonus for our Airmen and their families," he said.

Chief Murray also addressed possible future quality of life concerns for Airmen and their families.

"Health care would be a higher concern, but right now it is given; as long as it is given, our Airmen are satisfied," the chief said. "But, because of the interest right now in health care and the rising costs to it, it is up on the scope."

Another future Air Force quality of life challenge is the environment it faces with changes made as a result of Base Realignment and Closure and Quadrennial Defense Review.

Chief Murray said the balancing between modernization of the force and force structure, which calls for the reduction of more than 40,000 total force members, is high on the minds of Airmen.

"Your Air Force has laid out a good plan to do (this) and we will continue to take great care of our people in doing so," he said.

Chief Murray testified for the last time on Capitol Hill as he will retire later this year.



Photo by Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray testifies Feb. 15 before the House Appropriations Committee subcommittee on military quality of life, veterans affairs and related agencies. The chief said pay, housing and education are the top three issues facing enlisted Airmen in the Air Force today.

U.S. military relief effort in Pakistan to end in spring



Photo by Tech Sgt. Joseph McLean

U.S. Marines hook up a sling load of food supplies to an Army CH-47 Chinook helicopter at Chatter Plain, Pakistan, Jan. 18 to aid those still affected by a major earthquake last fall.

By Gerry J. Gilmore

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. military's earthquake relief mission in Pakistan is slated to conclude this spring, a senior Defense Department official said.

"I suspect that towards the end of March or the beginning of April — somewhere in that timeframe or so — we will have transitioned all of our personnel from Pakistan," DoD spokesman Bryan Whitman told reporters at the Pentagon.

An earthquake pegged at the 7.6 magnitude struck the Kashmir region in northern Pakistan on Oct. 8, 2005, killing more than 70,000 citizens, injuring more than 60,000 and leaving more than 3 million homeless.

Whitman said U.S. Central Command has led a 63-nation relief effort in Pakistan since Oct. 10, 2005, which includes food, medical care, transportation and other types of post-disaster support.

More than 1,200 U.S. military members and 25 helicopters had been deployed to Pakistan at

the peak of the relief mission, Whitman said.

About 650 U.S. service members in Pakistan continue to provide aviation, medical and engineering assistance in earthquake-affected areas, he said. And 12 U.S. CH-47 Chinook cargo helicopters continue to fly disaster relief missions in Pakistan.

To date, U.S. military aviators have flown more than 4,000 missions, delivered more than 11,000 tons of supplies, and transported more than 18,000 people as part of earthquake relief operations in Pakistan, Whitman said.

The U.S. also is donating about \$6 million worth of medical, engineering and refueling equipment to the Pakistani government, Whitman said.

That assistance includes more than \$3 million worth of medical equipment that's been used in the relief effort, he said, to include a mobile surgical hospital, anesthesia apparatus, ventilators and X-ray equipment.

For now, "the operation will continue to phase out in a measured way," Whitman said.



Photos by Airman Erica Stratton

Above: Senior Airman Desiree Hill, 28th Maintenance Squadron aerospace ground equipment mechanic, performs maintenance on a hydraulic test stand Feb. 14.

Below: Senior Airman Heather Collin, 28th Maintenance Squadron aircraft fuel system journeyman, performs an operational check on the fuel cooling loop return activator. Day-to-day work for Airman Collin includes fitting into tight, cramped places, working out in the cold and stinking like fuel, she said. "I go home at the end of the day smelling like jet fuel and having 'permanent dirt,' (or) grease, everywhere," said Airman Collin. She's just one of a growing number of women working in traditionally male career fields.



Ellsworth's own 'tomboys'

By 1st Lt. Glory Smith

BLACK HILLS BANDIT STAFF

It's been said that men are from Mars and women are from Venus, but when it comes to accomplishing the mission in the U.S. Air Force, the "Venusians" are keeping up with the "Martians" without breaking a stride.

Not only are they cooking up hot meals in services, setting up competitions at the Bellamy Fitness Center, typing up work orders and piloting the B-1, but ladies here are also loading weapons onto the B-1, refurbishing metal siding for the plane and maintaining the fuel systems on it.

Women like Senior Airman Veronica Castillo, 28th Munitions Squadron armament maintenance crew member; Senior Airman Heather Collin, 28th Maintenance Squadron aircraft fuel system journeyman; and Airman 1st Class Rebekah Gomez, 28th MXS aircraft metals technology apprentice; are just a few examples of females who work in traditionally male occupations to keep B-1s flying at Ellsworth.

"I see no difference in how men and women support the B-1 mission," said Command Chief Master Sgt. Clyde Aune, 28th Bomb Wing. "One of the

things I'm most proud of is that this profession of ours concentrates on a member's qualification to perform duties without regard to gender, race, religion or age."

While Airman Collin said it was a "little shocking" when she first noticed how few females are in her male-dominated career field, it's never bothered her.

"The entire flightline is pretty much the same way," she said. "It's a rare occasion to run into many other females out there."

From time to time, she said she runs into people who feel women shouldn't be working on the flightline.

"I just do my best to prove them wrong by working just as hard as everyone else," said Airman Collin.

At the end of the day, it's about accomplishing the mission, and the men and women working in the back shops around base serve to complement each other in that role.

The women, while sometimes a minority, are considered equals in their shops.

The five females in the 67-member armament flight seem like they fit into the shop, said 2nd Lt. MaryAnne Macaspac, 28th MUNS armament flight commander, who added they work just as hard as the men in

managing and maintaining the conventional bomb module and conventional rotary launchers for munitions on the B-1.

Airman Castillo said most of the time she doesn't even notice that working in the armament maintenance back shop is a traditionally male job.

"We all work together to get the mission done, and that's what's most important," she said.

Airman Gomez, who works as the only female in the 28th MXS aircraft metals technology back shop, said she finds the working environment quite normal.

"It's like working with my brothers," she said.

Growing up, she wanted a job like the one she has and says it's "awesome."

"She fits right in," said 1st Lt. Jake Elsass, 28th MXS fabrication flight commander.

Regarding members of his shop being male or female, Lieutenant Elsass said it doesn't matter as long as they can get the job done.

"If the person can do the same job and meet the same standards as their male counterparts it doesn't matter," he said, "and that's how I feel about females in the military in general."

**ALS Award Recipients**

The Ellsworth Airman Leadership School Class 06-3 graduated Feb. 15. Award recipients included: **John L. Levitow Award** awarded to Senior Airman Karyn Scott; **Distinguished Graduate** awarded to Senior Airman Orlando Lopez, Senior Airman Ryan Jones; **Leadership** awarded to Senior Airman Daniel Gordon; and **Academic Achievement** awarded to Senior Airman Tasha Gullquist.

Dining Out Fundraiser

The Ellsworth Dining Out committee will host a fundraising event March 13 to 16 from 5 to 10 p.m. at Pizza Hut in Box Elder. With a voucher, all take-out, delivery, or dine-in purchases will allot 20 percent to the Dining Out committee for the May 5 event. In order to contribute the 20 percent, members must present the fundraising voucher at the time of purchase. To receive a voucher via e-mail or as a hard copy, contact 2nd Lt. Ashley Pyles at ashley.pyles@ellsworth.af.mil.

Bundles For Babies

There will be a class for expecting Air Force parents at the family support center March 6 from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Financial Education

There will be a financial education class at the family support center March 9 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lions Club Activities

The Ellsworth/Box Elder Lions Club elected four new members into its ranks in January. Mr. Willie Kermmoade, Mr. Jerold Kermmoade, Mr. Russ Chilson and Mr. John Hughley were installed by Mr. Wayne Sumner, club vice president. The Ellsworth/Box Elder Lions Club has served for 47 years completing community service projects within the Douglas High School, Box Elder and Ellsworth Air Force Base communities. The club meets at the Flying J truckstop off Interstate 90 the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. For more information about the Ellsworth/Box Elder Lions Club, call Mr. Dave Kinser at 484-6064, Mr. Wayne Sumner at 348-1576, Mr. Ray Gimborys at 716-1831 or Mr. Dale Treloar at 393-2490.

Airmen's Call

There's a mandatory Airmen's Call scheduled with Col. Jeffry Smith, 28th Bomb Wing commander, for all airmen basic through senior airmen, March 10 from 7 to 8 a.m. and 3 to 4 p.m. at the base theater. All affected Airmen are required to attend one of these sessions.

VFW Dinner

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1273 is hosting a free dinner for all active-duty military members who've been deployed in the past year and their spouses March 11 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Those wishing to attend should contact their respective first sergeant prior to the event. Dress for the evening is casual with blue jeans acceptable. VFW Post 1273 is located at 420 Main St. in Rapid City. Military identification cards will be used as tickets and

should be shown at the front door of the VFW the night of the event.

Heart Link Spouse Orientation

The family support center is hosting Heart Link Spouse Orientation Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m. This class is for new and current active duty Air Force spouses. Those wishing to attend should register at least one day prior to the event by calling the FSC at 385-4663.

Volunteers Needed

Youth and family services is looking for 10 volunteers to help with the agency's dinner theater fundraiser, From Broadway with Love, today and Saturday from 5 to 10 p.m. at 120 East Adams St. in Rapid City. Ushers, parking attendants and table servers are needed both evenings. All volunteers will receive a free meal from the Outback Steakhouse and will be able to watch the theatrical performance. For more information or to volunteer, call Mr. Steve Merrill at 342-4195.

Fit to Go Closure

The Fit to Go operation at the Bellamy Fitness Center is permanently closed.

Masters Degree Program

The Air Force Institute of Technology has an "enlisted-to-AFIT" program, in which Air Force members may earn master's degrees in electrical/computer engineering, logistics management or criminal justice. Minimum requirements include a relevant bachelor's degree; the rank of E-6 to E-8 with eight years time in service, completion of

seven-level upgrade training and resident Noncommissioned Officer Academy; and three years retainability from date of AFIT graduation. Nomination packages are forwarded by Monday, and selected students report in August. More details are available at the base training and education center.

TRICARE Online

The 28th Medical Group announced that the TRICARE Online appointment scheduling option became available Tuesday. Enrolled beneficiaries will now have the ability to schedule routine and follow-up appointments via www.tricareonline.com. To access this new option, patients must register at the TRICARE Online Web site. A demonstration of TRICARE Online and registration assistance will be available in the clinic's multi-purpose conference room from 10 to 11 a.m. and 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tracey House at 385-3339.

Video Contest

The wing Dining Out committee announces a video presentation contest for this year's Dining Out. The video will be played during the event and will represent Ellsworth's Dining Out theme, "Traditions never forgotten; taking us into the future." The video length is limited to two songs or approximately seven minutes. To create and present a video to the committee, call Tech. Sgt. Jason Kreutzer at 385-6115 with your information and video by March 3. The creator of the winning video will receive two free tickets to the May 5 wing Dining Out.

W-2s Available

W-2 tax statements are now available at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>. Those who filed a DITY in 2005 will receive a separate W-2 in the mail.

Force Shaping

As more information becomes available concerning Force Shaping, it will be distributed through the military personnel flight to units. For more information, call Capt. Jonathan Morgan at 385-2345.

CAC Logon

Upon logging on to Ellsworth computers, a short logon script prompts individuals to insert their Common Access Card into the Smart Card reader attached to their computer and enter their personal identification number. Required information is then read from the CAC. Once this short logon session is completed with the CAC the first time, users won't be prompted to complete it again. While this CAC logon is not yet mandatory, it's planned to be in the future. As such, the 28th Communications Squadron encourages members to complete this logon so it may identify and correct potential problems with the system before it becomes mandatory. Members who've forgotten their PIN can get it reset at the Military Personnel Flight at the Rushmore Center or the Communications Control Center in Building 4304. For more information, visit <https://networks.acc.af.mil/scn/projects/main.html> and click on the PKI link.

Calling all Airmen!

**March 10 • 7 to 8 a.m. • 3 to 4 p.m.
Base Theater**

*All airmen basic through senior airmen are required
to attend one of these hour-long sessions with
Col. Jeffry Smith, 28th Bomb Wing commander*



THE SILVER SCREEN

Hostel (R)

Feb. 24 & 26 • 7 p.m.

Jay Hernandez & Derek Richardson

American college buddies, Paxton and Josh, backpack through Europe eager to make hazy memories with new friend Oli. When the two are lured to a hostel full of hot women, they find trouble and danger rather than fun and mischief.

Last Holiday (PG-13)

Feb. 25 & Mar. 2 • 7 p.m.

Queen Latifah & LL Cool J

After being diagnosed with a fatal disease, a shy sales clerk goes on a European vacation to live out the rest of her life. With nothing to lose, her behavior becomes more irreverent and outrageous each day.

Glory Road (PG)

Mar. 3 & 5 • 7 p.m.

Josh Lucas & Derek Luke

Underdog Texas Western basketball team makes history with the first all African-American starting lineup of players. The team won the 1966 NCAA tournament title and ultimately changed the way basketball was played.

Tristan & Isolde (PG-13)

Mar. 4 & 9 • 7 p.m.

James Franco & Sophia Myles

Young lovers are doomed by the forces of royal politics when English knight Tristan wins the hand of his beloved Isolde and is forced to allow her to marry another. Their love soon threatens a national truce.

March 10 & 12,
Big Momma's House
(PG-13)

March 11 & 16,
Underworld: Evolution
(R)

Take a break for Last Holiday

By Crystal Hohenthanner

BLACK HILLS BANDIT STAFF

In case you haven't noticed, there are certain elements, themes and ideals that continually appear in main-stream film-making.

I have a theory about this repetition — some things are timeless bona-fide crowd pleasers.

People love a motley crew; people want to root for the underdog; people adore a fish-out-of-water story; and, from time to time, people need to be reminded that "it's a wonderful life."

Utilizing time-tested crowd pleasers may not be the most creative mode of film-making, but sometimes I want to see a fun, formulaic flick.

Last Holiday's recipe included just what the doctor ordered for feel-good fun.

The film had definite "fish-out-of-water" and "it's-a-wonderful-life" elements, with some original tasty twists.

For example Georgia Byrd, the heroine of the film played by Queen Latifah, has a deep love for cooking and eating. However, she rarely even tastes her own culinary delights.

As you may have guessed by the title, Georgia thinks she's dying. Because she realizes she hasn't done much living, she decides to go on holiday — her last holiday.

I'm just going to ruin the ending here, because it's obvious throughout the film, Georgia isn't really dying.

In classic feel-good fashion, Georgia's brush with death teaches her a lot about life and love. Lucky for her, she gets a second chance.

So, the theme of the movie is obvious — live your life now!

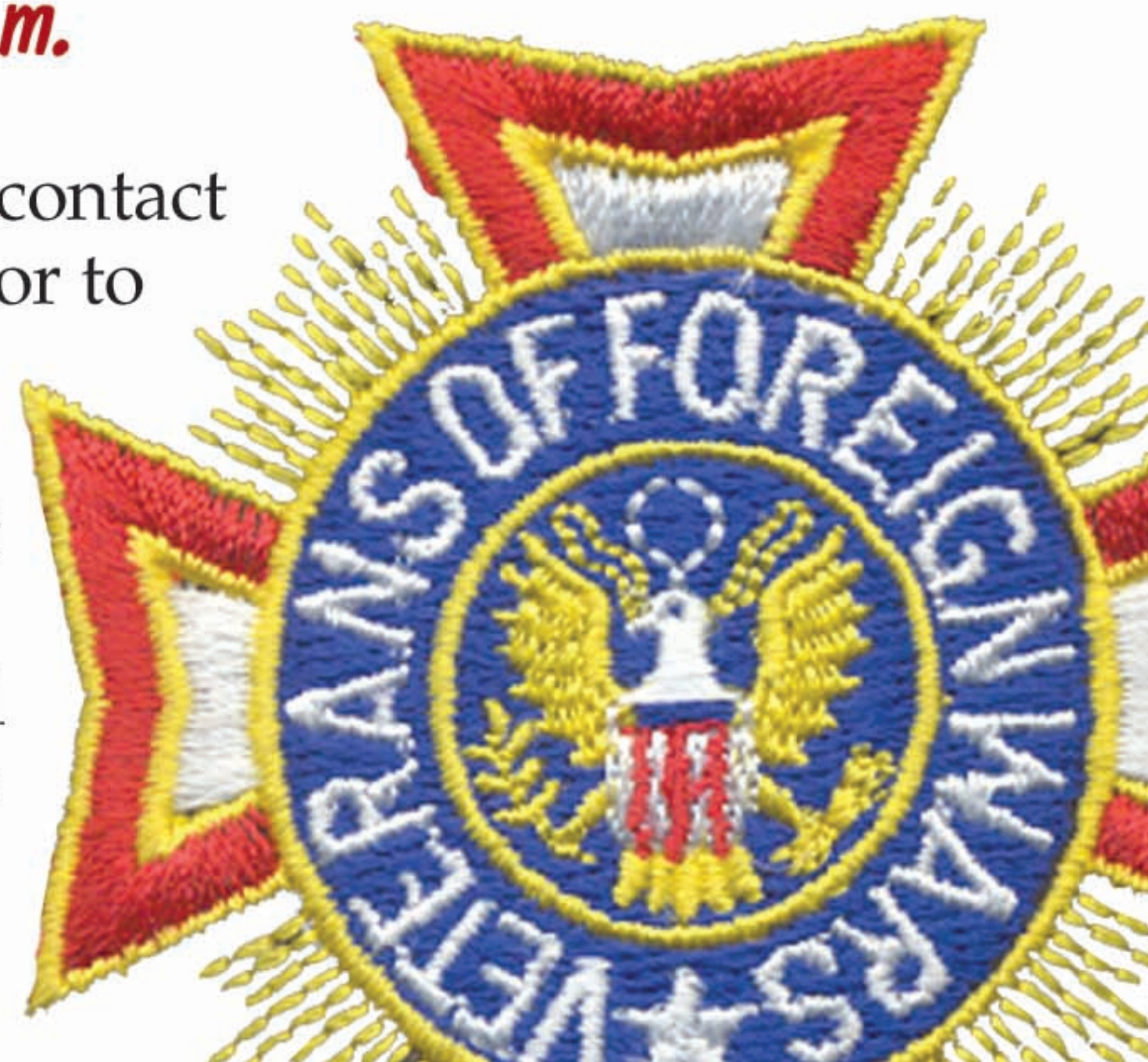
Of course the movie has a major cheese-factor, and it isn't overly profound, but it's definitely cheerful.

All-in-all, *Last Holiday* is fun even if it does follow a recipe.



Free Dinner for active-duty military & spouses March 11 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Those wishing to attend should contact their respective first sergeant prior to the event. Dress for the evening is casual with blue jeans acceptable. VFW Post 1273 is located at 420 Main St. in Rapid City. Military identification cards will be used as tickets and should be shown at the front door of the VFW the night of the event.





Texas hold 'em final hand



Photo by Lisa Viher

The Texas Hold 'em first round championship was held at Dakota's Feb. 17. The winners were:

1st Place

Staff Sgt. Michael Johnson, 28th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

2nd Place

Airman 1st Class Matthew Moskalski, 28th Maintenance Squadron

3rd Place

Tech. Sgt. Jason Chrisman, 28th Munitions Squadron

After winning the tournament, Sergeant Johnson offered the first place prize, a \$300 canoe, to Airman 1st Class Clayton Whitaker, AMXS, the lowest-ranking Airman in the room.

Bandit Inn Menu

Today, February 24

Lunch, Veteran's Day Meal

- Roast Turkey
- BBQ Spare Ribs
- French-Fried Shrimp

Dinner

- Sukiyaki
- Mustard-Dill Baked Fish
- Hot Italian Sausage

Saturday, February 25

Lunch

- Cajun Meatloaf
- Crispy Baked Chicken
- Ribeye Steak

Dinner

- Fish Almandine
- Pork Chops & Mushroom Gravy
- Chicken Broccoli Stir Fry

Sunday, February 26

Lunch

- Chicken Parmesan
- Sauerbraten
- Tuna & Noodles

Dinner

- Fried Shrimp
- Ginger BBQ Chicken
- Spinach Lasagna

Monday, February 27

Lunch

- Baked Chicken
- Swiss Steak & Tomato Sauce
- Hot Italian Sausage

Dinner

- Roast Turkey
- Baked Ham
- Fish & Fries

Tuesday, February 28

Lunch

- Yakisoba
- Lemon Baked Fish
- Pork Schnitzel

Dinner

- BBQ Beef Cubes
- Paprika Beef
- Chicken Fajitas

Wednesday, March 1

Lunch: Mexican Ethnic Meal

- Chicken Enchiladas
- Beef & Bean Burritos
- Taco Lasagna

Dinner

- Country-Style Steak
- Fried Chicken
- Pita Pizza

Thursday, March 2

Lunch

- Tempura Fried Fish
- Liver & Onions
- Orange Spice Pork Chops

Dinner

- Pepper Steak
- Mr. Z's Baked Chicken
- Pasta Primavera

Upcoming Services Events

Movie Tickets

Good at Carmike and Rushmore cinemas
Outdoor recreation • 385-2297
Anytime • \$6.00

Baseball, Softball Sign-ups

May through July season, all practices and games on base
Youth center • 385-2277
March 1 to 31 • cost varies

Golf Specials

Various discounts
Prairie Ridge Golf Course
923-4999
March 1 to 31

Swimming Lessons

American Red Cross certified
Indoor pool • 385-2267
March 6 to 24 • \$28

Hang Out

Youth center • 385-2277
March 10 • 6 to 8 p.m. • \$5

Snowboarding Trip

Trip to Terry Peak includes lunch, gear, lift ticket and transportation
Teen center • 385-6399
March 11 • \$30 • 8 a.m.

Girls Day Out

Come have lunch, primp and check out fashions
Youth center • 385-2277
March 11 • 12 to 5 p.m. • \$5

Night Skiing at Deer Mountain

Deer Mountain trip includes transportation and ski and snowboard rentals
Outdoor recreation • 385-2997
March 11th • \$20 • 2:30 p.m.

Keystone Ski Trip

Includes transport, two nights lodging and breakfast
Outdoor recreation • 385-2297
March 17 • \$170

Today February 24

First Gold Trip

Meal, gaming and transport
Outdoor recreation • 385-2997 • 5 p.m. • \$15

Chocolate Night

Youth center • 385-2277 • 6 to 8 p.m. • \$5

Saturday February 25

Cardboard Sled Race

Golf course • 385-1609 • 1 p.m.

Deer Mountain Tubing

Youth center • 385-2277 • 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. • \$10

Night Skiing

Trip to Deer Mountain
Outdoor recreation • 385-2997 • 2:30 p.m. • \$10 to 20

Sunday February 26

Sunday Brunch

Dakota's Club • 385-1765 • 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. • \$15

Friday March 3

Skate Night

Youth center • 385-2277 • 6 to 8 p.m. • \$5

Cross Country Skiing

Includes equipment rental & transportation to Big Hill Trail Head
Outdoor recreation • 385-2997 • 9 a.m. • \$15



Ellsworth's spotlight on ...



Staff Sgt. Michelle Utrecht

37th Bomb Squadron NCOIC intelligence flight

What does your job entail?

I provide intelligence pre-mission briefs, threat training briefs and mission debriefs to aircrew members.

What do you like about your job?

I get to work hand-in-hand with aircrew members, which always makes for an interesting day.

What do you like about the Air Force?

The fact that hard, honest workers have ample opportunities to gain rank and recognition

What do you do in your spare time?

I enjoy a good book in the presence

of my wonderful husband and our two mischievous cats.

What's the most important advice you'd give new Airmen?

Take the initiative. Don't wait for someone to tell you what to do.

If you could have dinner with anyone, who would it be?

Former President Ronald Reagan. I would want to ask him how he managed to balance his work of encouraging democracy throughout the world, while at the same time building and maintaining a strong military here at home.



Tech Sgt. Kimberly Reeder

34th Bomb Squadron NCOIC life support

What does your job entail?

I'm in charge of inspection and maintenance of aircrew life-saving equipment.

What do you like about your job?

I enjoy interacting with individuals in my shop.

What do you like about the Air Force?

The security of retirement

Where are you from?

Polacca, Ariz.

What do you do in your spare time?

All my spare time is spent with my sons, Tyler and Tanner.

What's the most important advice you'd give new Airmen?

One of the best traits for any job is initiative.

What was your favorite toy as a child?

Baby alive; it ate and drank and did the other two things that go along with it.

What are you proud of?

Two of the most important things in my life-my family and the work I do.



These Team Ellsworth members have been recognized by their commanders, first sergeants and supervisors for consistently demonstrating a high degree of professionalism and dedication to accomplishing our wing's mission. For more information, call the public affairs office at 385-5056.

Tip of the Week

Civilian job opportunities on base

The 28th Services Squadron offers many job opportunities. There's something for everyone from temporary, to part-time and full-time employment.

The 28th SVS extends an open invitation to join the more than 200 Non-Appropriated Fund civilian employees who work on base.

Jobs range from food service workers, cooks, bartenders, waiters, recreation assistants, life-guards, laborers and custodial workers, to child development program assistants, school-age program assistants and many other positions.

Employment opportunities exist at the auto skills center, bowling center, golf course, outdoor recreation center, lodging, community center, child development center, youth center, Dakota's, arts and crafts center, and many more.

Opportunities increase during the summer months as outdoor activities increase. Many entry-level positions exist for youth as young as 16 years old, but some positions require a minimum age of 18 or 21.

The human resources office is located in the Rushmore Center at Suite 2000, or can be called at 385-2465.

A listing of available positions and applications can be found on the Web at www.ellsworthservices.com/HRO.htm The human resources office is an equal opportunities employer.

Information provided by
Mr. James Kjellerson,
28th SVS human resources director

Base Chapel Schedule

Daily Catholic Mass

Monday through Thursday at noon at the Black Hills Chapel

Sunday Catholic Mass

9:30 a.m. at the Black Hills Chapel

Catholic Religious Education

Sunday, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Chapel Activity Center

Sunday Protestant Services

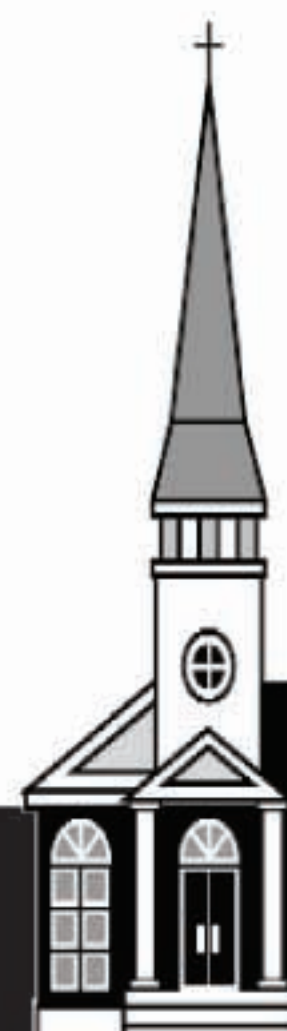
- Community Service, 11 a.m. at the Freedom Chapel
- Inspirational Gospel Service, 11:15 a.m. at the Black Hills Chapel
- Rock Contemporary Service, 6 p.m. at the CAC

The Freedom Chapel is located at 1554 Ellsworth Street, west of the Commissary.

The Black Hills Chapel is located at 1192 Foulis Drive, east of the Rushmore Center.

The Chapel Activities Center is located at 1158 Ellsworth Street, north of the Rushmore Center.

For more information, call the base chapel office at 385-1598.





Military Clubs

an Air Force tradition

By Lt. Col. Rory Adams

28TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP DEPUTY COMMANDER

As a former commander of the 28th Services Squadron, I feel it's important to comment on one of the vital organizations the squadron is closely linked with and whose mission it is to provide the 28th Bomb Wing a force multiplier — the colloquated club known as Dakota's.

In today's transient lifestyle many Ellsworth families experience, I personally believe that Dakota's needs to serve as our collective home. Mixing two-parent working families living in off-base housing and a society moving at a much faster pace combine to make it a challenge to fully participate and support a military club as was done in years gone by.

Factor this societal progression with a strong emphasis on personal alcohol responsibility and it's easy to surmise that Dakota's viability is faced with challenge.

Dakota's is adjusting to this changing climate by transitioning from an establishment largely looked upon as a dinosaur from the past to a leaner, more flexible institution responding to the needs of this military combat organization.

A challenge to overcome is many of our junior military force is not as steeped in the traditions of military clubs and may not understand the Air Force club's mission and the resulting positive impact that a viable club can have on the military organization.

Understanding some history and tradition of the

military club might help us all put this into better perspective.

Quite simply, since the beginning of organized society, there's been a military establishment that observes many customs, traditions and procedures traceable to the earliest of warriors. One of the most prominent of these traditions includes military clubs.

The clubs' origins are derived from early "mess night" traditions — mostly from early Viking post-raid celebrations where commanders frequently held great banquets to honor individuals and units. It was in these mess night traditions that the solidification of the military fighting unit occurred.

The bonding of brothers and fellow warriors during these feasts was the glue that put the steel in the fighting forces to charge up the hill the following day.

Military clubs have evolved from these simple begin-

nings over the years to early dining facilities to today being the very hub of many base community activities.

Dakota's staff is keenly aware of the special nature of official and social needs and provides superb support for promotions, retirements, the full gambit of wing, group, and squadron events, spouses' club meetings and so on. Dakota's is a special place for active duty, dependents, retirees and civilian employees alike to relax, unwind and count our blessings in the company of friends all sharing a common bond.

Dakota's plays an invaluable role in fostering and sustaining unit cohesion, esprit de corps and our military fraternity — unspoken by most, yet felt and understood by all.

Whether the event is a Dining In, Dining Out,

Hail and Farewell, or just a Friday night during social hour, visits to the club give commanders an opportunity to meet socially with their officers and enables officers of all ranks to create bonds of friendship and better working relations through an atmosphere of good fellowship.

The same holds true for senior NCO's to interact with their NCOs, fostering an environment for supervisors at all levels to socialize with their Airmen.

What club traditions mean the most to members? Sure, members are interested in "members first" value pricing, exclusive members-only events, social hour on Friday nights and other special events. But it's the tradition of fellowship, community and extended family that sets Dakota's apart from any other establishment.

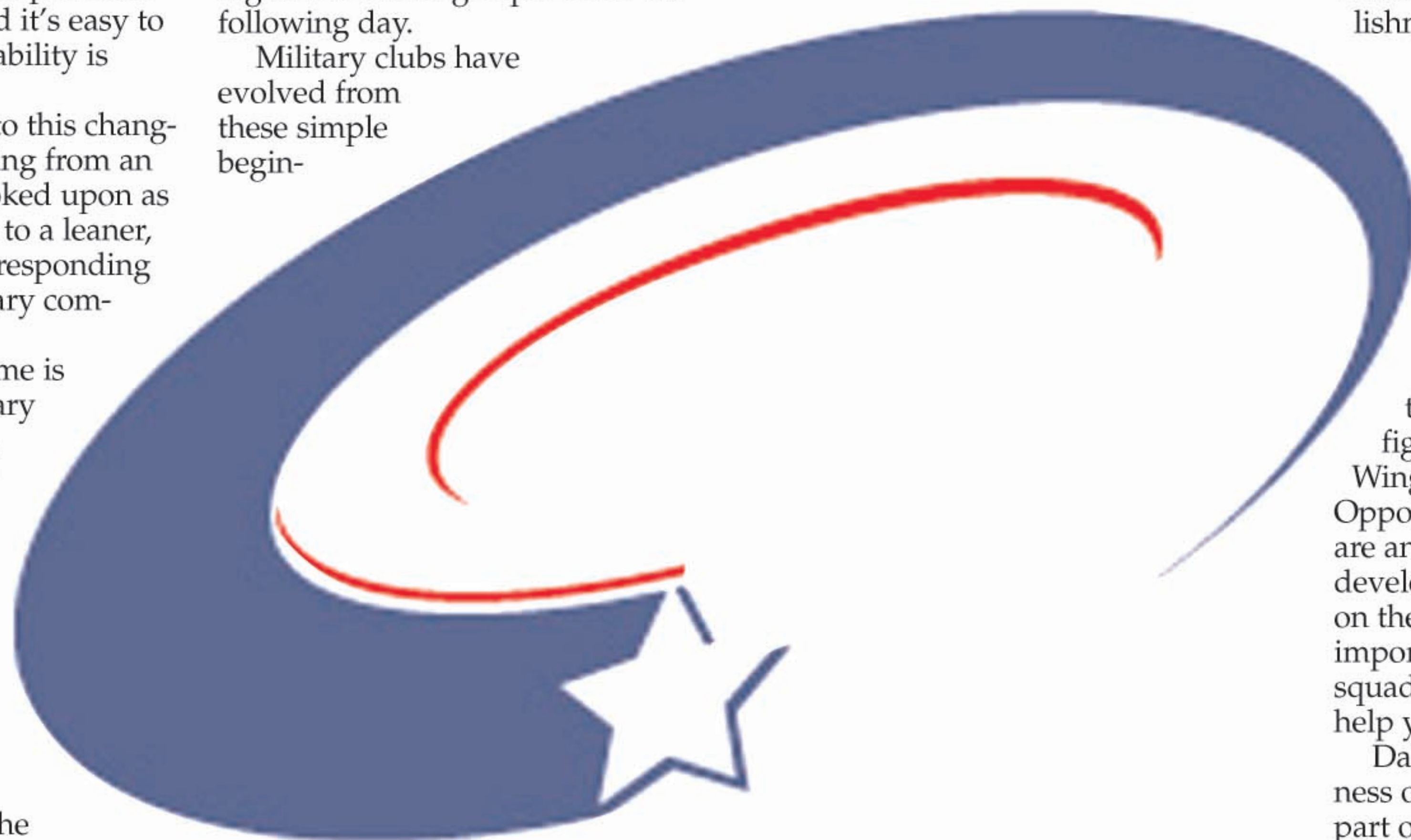
This must continue to be the central focus of Dakota's.

Tradition is not only a word, but also a belief and feeling, which is experienced over a lifetime and can only be appreciated by the individual.

Here is my challenge to you: be a viable part of the rich tradition Dakota's brings to the fight and provides the 28th Bomb Wing as a force multiplier.

Opportunities are there for you and are an important part of your military development. Don't wait until being on the battlefield before establishing important relationships with your squadron peers and others who may help you put the "iron on target."

Dakota's contributes to the robustness of today's bomb wing — be a part of the tradition.



AIR FORCE SERVICES CLUBS



MDG claims senior league title

After 120 minutes, 289 total points, one player lost to injury and a bounty of argued calls, MDG was finally able to put the nail in OSS' coffin and secure the base championship.

Story and photos by
Senior Airman Jason Piatek
BLACK HILLS BANDIT STAFF

The 28th Medical Group closed out the 28th Operations Support Squadron, 48 - 43, in the final championship game Feb. 16. It was the third meeting of the teams in this year's play-offs, with MDG winning the semifinal match up, and losing the first championship game to set up the do-or-die final.

"After losing the first game,

we knew we'd have to play smart and conserve energy," said DeShon Vinette, a guard for MDG, who started the championship round with six players, but lost forward Thomas Tiley to a sprained ankle late in the first game. "They could've run us out of the gym with us only playing with five."

OSS tried to use their depth to their advantage.

"We tried to run them, but they still had the stamina to make the steals and the break-aways," said Scott Plumb, OSS forward.

But OSS couldn't pull away from MDG, who, led by guard Tony Carter's 12 first half points, only trailed by two going into the half.

"We kept the same game plan going into the second," said Vinette. "Play smart, take care of the ball, take good shots and play tight defense, and everything else should fall into place."

Everything fell into place for MDG when their defense, led by forward John Tucker, took over. After allowing OSS to net 27 in the first half, MDG held them to 16 points. Cedric Harper, the

OSS forward who led his team with 10 points in the first half, was shut out by the MDG defense in the second.

"He's a tough match up. He plays with power in the paint and is as quick as a guard on the perimeter," said Vinette, who was one of several MDG members who swarmed on Harper each time he touched the ball in the second half.

Most of MDG's offense was supplied by the trio of Vinette, Carter and forward Randy Oliver, who combined with Carter to score 21 of the team's 23 points in the second half.

"Our toughest challenge was trying to contain their break-away speed, and of course, to guard Carter and Vinette as tight as possible," Plumb said.

In the end, MDG was able to overcome injuries, a depleted roster and defeat an imposing OSS team en-route to claiming the top spot in the league.

"Everyone on our team came up huge for us, but I think Oliver and Tim Megenhardt stood out," Vinette said. "They really played their buns off in those championship games."

Right: Cedric Harper, 28th Operations Support Squadron forward, pours in two of his 12 points during OSS' championship game versus the 28th Medical Group Feb. 16. OSS won the first of two championship games by a score of 47-43, but lost final game, 48-43.

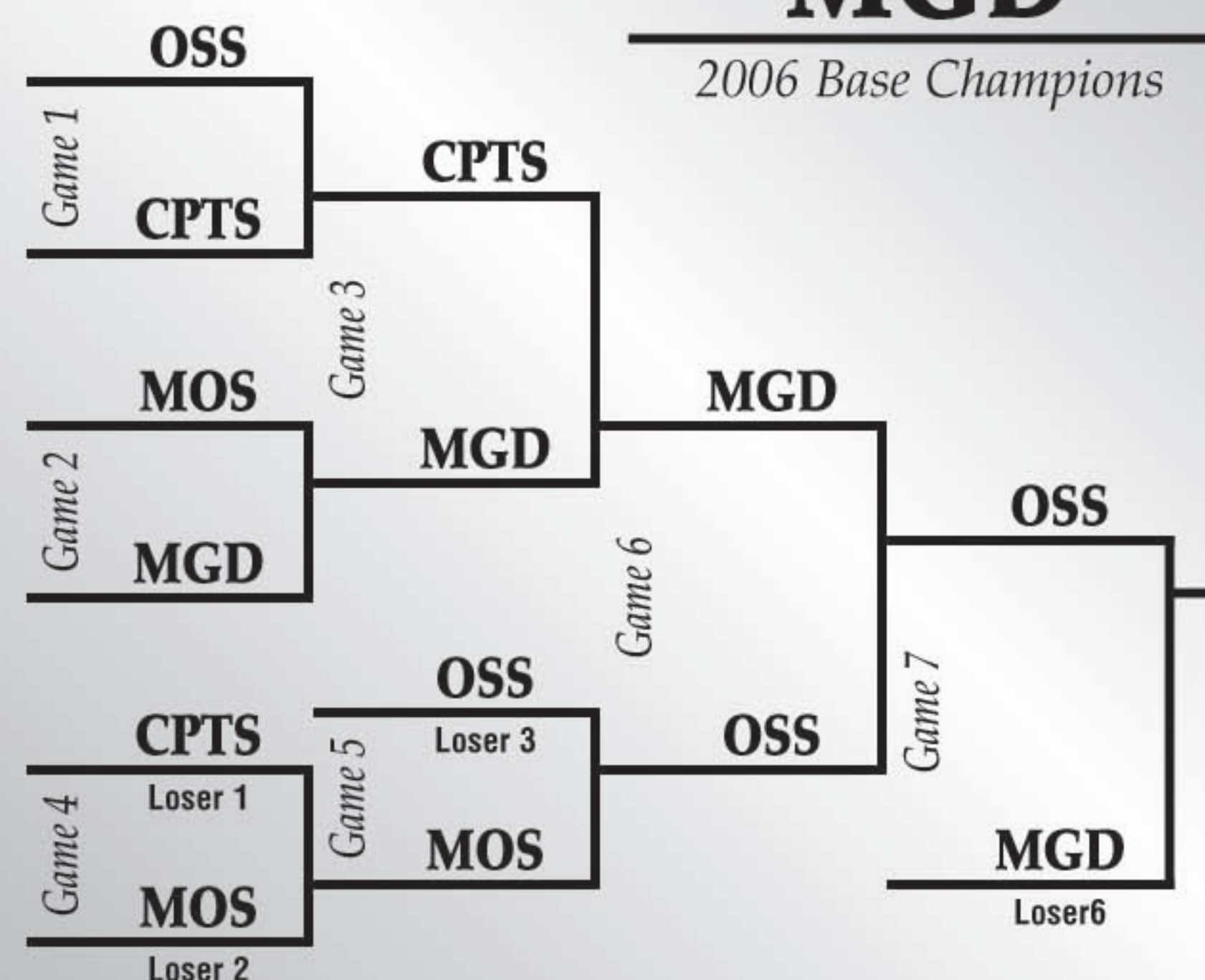
Below: Tim Megenhardt, MDG guard, drives against OSS' Nate Watts during MDG's championship-winning game.



Senior League Playoffs

MGD

2006 Base Champions





Parrish, MXS hand MDG/SVS first loss

Randall Parrish scored 28 points for the 28th Maintenance Squadron to hand the 28th Medical Group/28th Services Squadron its first intramural basketball American League loss, 64-61, Feb. 13.

Shane Hofstad scored 17 and Kenneth Donald added 12 in the MXS (5-2) victory. MDG/SVS (7-1) got 21 points from Keith Starks in the loss.

28th AMXS 62, 28th CES 'B' 53

The 28th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron kept pace in the intramural basketball American League playoff race with a 62-53 win over the 28th Civil Engineer Squadron 'B' team Feb. 13.

Jammieon Collins led AMXS (5-2) with a game-high 30 points. Donrico Hooker led CES 'B' (4-4) with 19 points.

34th BS/37th BS 46, 28th CPTS/28th CONS 21

The 34th Bomb Squadron/37th BS upended the 28th Comptroller Squadron/28th Contracting Squadron, 46-21, in intramural basketball National League action Feb. 14.

Justin Nightingale paced the bomb squadrons (7-3) with 25 points. Anthony Rosen led CPTS/CONS with 16 points.

28th CS 68, 28th CES 'A' 50

Dominic Calcutt poured in 23 points to lead the 28th Communications Squadron to a 68-50 victory over the 28th CES 'A' team in intramural basketball National League play Feb. 14.

Mitchell Zipprich led all scorers with 24 points in defeat.

28th MUNS 34, 28th LRS 32

The 28th Munitions Squadron pulled off the biggest upset of the intramural basketball season, knocking off the previously undefeated 28th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 34-32, in National League action Feb. 14.

Benjamin Ramaekers scored 10 points in the win for MUNS. Kenneth Ireland led LRS (9-1) with 7 points.

28th CES 'A' 57, 28th CPTS/28th CONS 36

CES 'A' (6-4) beat CPTS/CONS (0-10), 57-36, in an intramural basketball National League game Feb. 16.

Zipprich paced CES 'A' with 25 points. Rosen led CPTS/CONS with 15 points and Justin Hughes added 10.

28th MUNS 62, 28th CS 53

MUNS continued its late-season rally, upending CS, 62-53, in intramural basketball National League action Feb. 16.

Joseph Platek and Woodard Moore scored 18 and 16 points, respectively, for MUNS (4-6). Calcutt led CS (4-6) with 19 points.



Photo by Senior Airman Jason Platek

Players from the 28th Logistics Readiness Squadron and 28th Munitions Squadron intramural basketball squads fight for a rebound at the Bellamy Fitness Center Feb. 14. The base intramural basketball playoffs begin Monday at the fitness center.

Intramural Standings

Bowling

(through Feb. 17)

28 AMXS 'B'	30-18
28 CS	28-20
28 LRS	24-24
28 MSS	24-24
28 MDG	24-24
28 AMXS 'A'	22-26
28 MXS 'A'	20-28
28 SFS	20-28
28 SVS 'A'	20-28
28 CES	18-30
28 SVS 'B'	18-30
28 MXS 'B'	16-32
28 MUNS	14-34
28 MXS 'C'	2-46

Basketball

(through Feb. 17)

American League

28 MDG/28 SVS	7-1
28 MXS	5-2
28 AMXS	5-2
28 CES 'B'	4-4
28 SFS	3-5

National League

28 LRS	9-1
34 BS/37 BS	7-3
28 CES 'A'	6-4
28 CS	4-6
28 MUNS	4-6
28 CPTS/28 CONS	0-10

Racquetball

(through Feb. 17)

28 AMXS	7
28 CPTS/28 CONS	7
34 BS/37 BS	7
28 CS	5
28 OSS	4
28 SFS	3
28 MUNS	2





Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Picnic pest
4. So long
7. Major or Minor
11. Settle
13. One of 26 DOWN
15. USAF org. above
- 55 ACROSS
16. Distant
17. NYC district
18. Beneath
19. Parts of 24 DOWN
22. USAF deployment set
25. Aviator Earhart
26. NYC player
29. Singer Torme
30. Desire
31. ___-Magnon
33. Mock
34. Tie type

Solution for Feb. 17

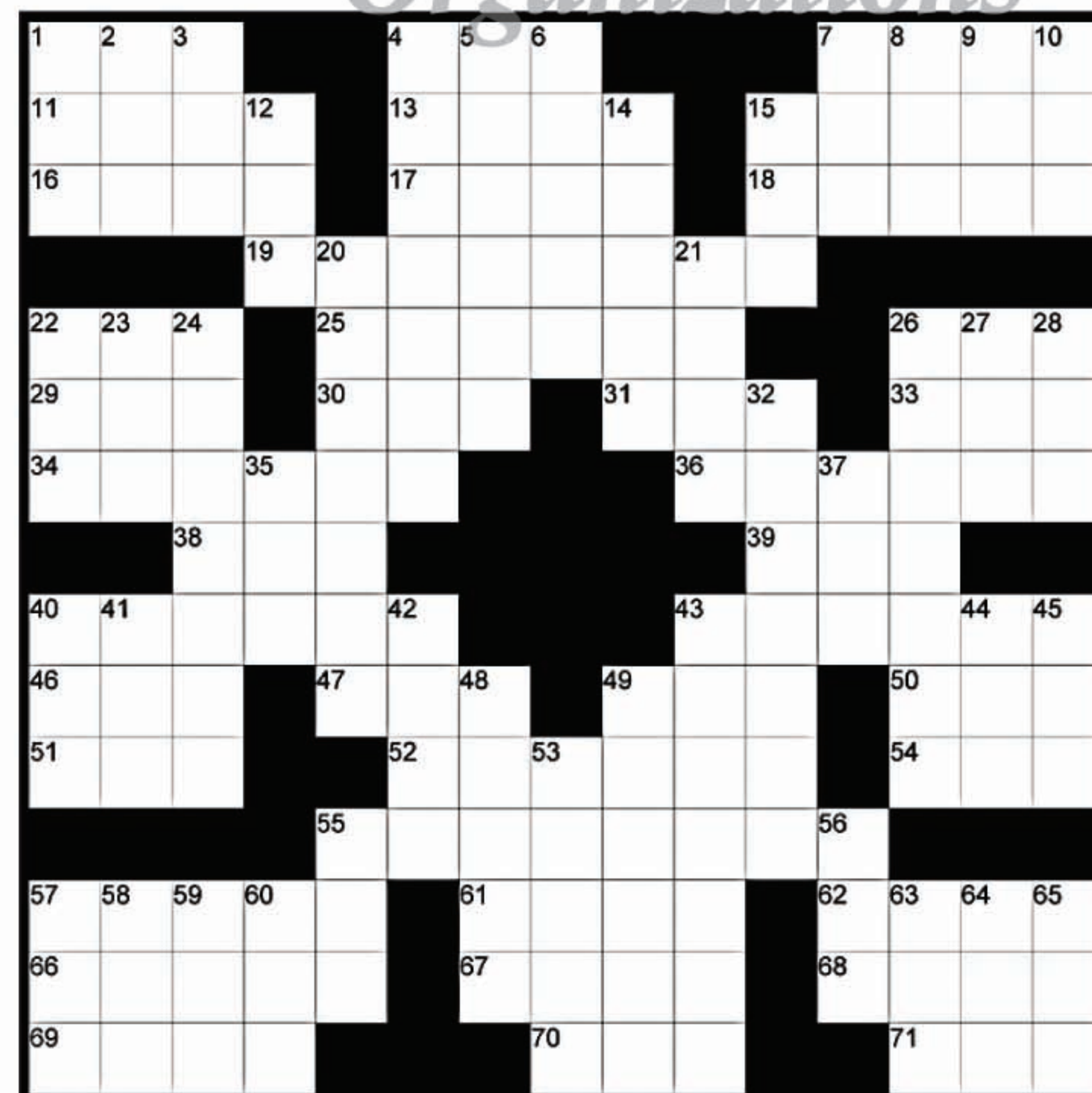
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FEU	OVEN	
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LENA	DREAR	EST
GEL	MRT	THY
ARTHROPOD	HART	
HASSLE	IKON	
ARIGHT	LINCOLN	
EDEN	AFI	
RAGE	WASHINGTON	
EMIR	ADA	ENSILE
SST	REP	SYNCED

36. USC player
38. USAF org. part of
- 68 ACROSS
39. Whitish, milky looking liquid
40. Tropical paradise
43. Actress Lombard
46. Halloween mon.
47. ___ Lanka
49. Home to NHL broadcasts
50. Cut grass
51. Affirmative
52. Slanted
54. Observe
55. USAF org. above
- 24 DOWN
57. Thoughts
61. Smell
62. Intersection
66. Lesions
67. Otherwise
68. USAF org. above
- 55 ACROSS
69. 20th FW home
70. Benchmark, in short
71. Mekong River denizen

Down

1. State home to Maxwell AFB
2. USAF org. above
3. Actress Carrere
4. First, Second and Third players
5. Navy personnelmen
6. Actress Merman
7. Fancy vase
8. Staff
9. Litigate
10. Spring mon.
12. Rapping doc?
14. ___ projection: method of map projecting
15. NFL player Frerotte
20. Plans
21. Caustic
22. One of 26 DOWN
23. Snakelike fish
24. Most basic USAF orgs.
26. USAF org. above
- 2 DOWN
27. Federal org. concerned with environment
28. X, to Cicero
32. Disney World site
35. 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet
37. Paddle
40. Plaything
41. Pilot with 5+ kills
42. Site of OIF
43. Worked for a judge

Air Force 102 — Organizations



44. USAF paperwork
45. Female sheep
48. Acclimate
49. Most senior
53. Celtic tribes
55. Draft org.
56. Compass dir.
57. Space station, in brief
58. Homer's saying

59. Epoch
60. Deployed USAF org.
63. Engine need
64. Genetic info
65. Hubris

By Capt. Tony Wickman
71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Preparing for the B1-B Feb. 12, 1987 ...



... The 37th Bomb Squadron sent its first six B-1 aircrews to Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, to begin qualification training.

The 28th Bomb Wing's first B-1, "The Wings of Freedom," had arrived on base in January, a few weeks earlier. The tempo around the installation was high as preparations were underway to receive the new aircraft and prepare them to carry

out the wing's mission. Preparations consisted of a variety of construction programs to accommodate the needs of the new aircraft, including new hangars and maintenance facilities.

In the months ahead, the rest of the wing's B-1s would arrive; 28th Bomb Wing personnel attended a variety of conferences and conducted exercises to explore the capabilities of the B-1. 28th Bomb Wing personnel also helped spearhead the efforts to prepare Grand Forks and McConnell Air Force bases to receive

their complement of the new bombers.

In the months and years ahead, the B-1 would prove itself as an important piece of equipment in the Air Force inventory, carrying out numerous sorties in varied locations around the world. To learn more, or for other historical questions, contact the 28th Bomb Wing History Office at 385-6430, or via e-mail at 28bw.ho@ellsworth.af.mil.

This week in History

Information provided by Mr. Dave Schepp,
28th Bomb Wing historian.